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1. International Movement of Apostolate in the Independent Social Milieus

Special, 1996

Introduction

Founded in 1963, the International Movement of Apostolate in the Independent Social Milieu is organized into regional secretariats located in 30 countries in Africa, Asia and the Middle East, Europe, North America and South America.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Movement seeks to promote peace, solidarity and justice, human dignity and the integrity of creation. It participates in the building of shared values, taking account of different cultures and socioeconomic situations. In addition, it aims at promoting ecumenical and interreligious dialogue, while respecting the environment.

Significant changes in the organization

In October 2015, the Movement appointed a new head. As part of its activities, it seeks to expand its membership. Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal and Togo are in the process of becoming members. In Lebanon and Syria, it is actively involved in the promotion of peace.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Movement defends and promotes human rights together with Catholic non-governmental organizations that share its goals. It has participated in the universal periodic review mechanism of the Human Rights Council and has submitted joint statements with other organizations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Movement attended the twentieth session of the Human Rights Council and, together with Caritas Internationalis, provided inputs for the universal periodic review of Madagascar and of Lebanon. At the thirty-first regular session of the Human Rights Council, the Movement submitted joint statements with other organizations such as the Associazione Comunità Papa Giovanni XXIII.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The activities of the Movement support the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals. In working to achieve these goals, the Movement is engaged in activities to eradicate poverty and provide quality education. Moreover, its activities include efforts to counter climate change.

2. Land is Life

Special, 2012

Introduction

Founded in May 1992 Land Is Life, Inc. (LiL) is an indigenous-led organization that is at the forefront of the international struggle to promote and protect the rights of indigenous peoples.

Aims and purposes of the organization

This organization funds indigenous-led campaigns for change, offers strategic assistance to indigenous organizations and works towards the recognition of indigenous peoples' human, economic, social, cultural, territorial and environmental rights.

Significant changes in the organization

Since 2013, LiL has assembled a small support team in New York to build institutional systems, financial controls and programming protocols.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

LiL contributed to the promotion of human rights by enabling indigenous organizations to report challenges to human rights to the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples and human rights defenders. LiL also supported representation of indigenous community leaders at various forums, including the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and facilitated country-specific human rights situations of indigenous communities in the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of the Human Rights Council. Furthermore, LiL raised challenges of climate change and development processes on the livelihood and survival of indigenous peoples in annual meetings of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, this organization participated in the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and made interventions on human rights abuses or lack of free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) on development projects. Furthermore, in 2014 and 2015, it hosted official side events addressing indigenous rights and attended the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples convened in New York from 21 to 23 September 2014. It also attended the 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st COP to the UNFCCC and sponsored the participation of its partners in the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development which took place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from 20 to 22 June 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

LiL collaborated with the Economic and Social Commission for Asia Pacific (ESCAP) in the margins of the Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development. It

also engaged with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the World Bank in relation to policy review of the rights of indigenous peoples.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

LiL contributed to the MDGs by documenting success cases and challenges faced in implementing the MDGs by communities in Manipur, India. It also engaged in inter-governmental negotiations that led to the adoption of the sustainable development goals (SDGs).

3. LDC Watch

Special, 2012

Introduction

LDC Watch (LDCW) is a global network of national, regional and international civil society organisations, alliances and movements based in the Least Developed Countries (LDCs).

Aims and purposes of the organization

LDCW aims to draw on the strength, expertise and commitment of the civil society based in LDCs to engage with their respective governments and the international community towards effective implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action (IPoA) including other internationally agreed development goals such as the sustainable development goals.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

LDCW collaborated with the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS) to organise the Asia LDC Civil Society Strategy Assembly towards implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the LDCs for the Decade 2011-2020 convened on 15 and 16 May 2012 in Bangkok, Thailand. In the lead-up to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in Brazil, LDCW collaborated with the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), UN-OHRLLS and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) to organise the Africa LDC Civil Society Regional Strategy Assembly on the implementation of the IpoA on 13 and 14 June 2012, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

This organization participated in the following meetings:

United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on 21 June 2012;

59th session of the Trade and Development of UNCTAD convened in Geneva, Switzerland between 17 and 28 September 2012;

Asia and the Pacific Parliamentarian and CSO Forum on MDG Acceleration and the Post 2015 Development Agenda held in Bali, Indonesia on 25 and 26 March 2013;

Asia Pacific Outreach Meeting on Sustainable Development Financing held on 10 and 11 June 2014 in Jakarta, Indonesia organised by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the Indonesian Ministry of Finance.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

In 2015, LDCW contributed to various stakeholder preparatory forums, intergovernmental negotiations and stocktaking sessions convened in the framework of the post-2015 development agenda. LDCW participated in the 21st session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) representing the "Global Campaign to Demand Climate Justice" — a global south-north platform of civil society groups campaigning and advocating for climate justice.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

LDCW significantly engaged in the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by promoting the acceleration of these agendas in various forums. This included specifically advocating for the MDGs in the Southeast, East and Northeast Asia and the Pacific Parliamentarian Forum organized in November 2012 in Manila, the Philippines convened by the United Nations Millennium Campaign.

4. Licht für die Welt — Christoffel Entwicklungszusammenarbeit

Special, 2012

Introduction

Licht Für Die Welt — Christoffel Entwicklungszusammenarbeit aims for an inclusive society where no one is left behind. It currently supports programmes in 20 countries in Asia, Europe, Africa and Latin America.

Aims and purposes of the organization

It supports sustainable programmes of local partner organizations in the following areas: eye care and general health; inclusive education; livelihood;

community-based rehabilitation; disability inclusion; awareness-raising and empowerment of persons with disabilities.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Building on the advocacy led by the United Nations, this organization contributes to the inclusion of persons with disabilities in coalition with other international NGOs. As a member of the Beyond2015 initiative, it actively participated in consultations on the post-2015 development agenda to ensure comprehensive inclusion of and accessibility for persons with disabilities in alignment to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

It attended the following meetings organized by the United Nations including delivering statements and convening side events:

- High-level meeting of the General Assembly on realization of the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities, New York, 23 September 2013;
- ECOSOC High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, New York, 26 June to 8 July 2015;
- Third International Conference on Financing for Development, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 13 to 16 July 2015; and
- Seventh and eighth sessions of the Conference of the States Parties to the CRPD, New York, 10 to 12 June 2014 and 9 to11 June 2015, respectively.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

It has actively engaged in the development of Prevention of Blindness Programmes in cooperation with the World Health Organization (WHO) and has collaborated with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) on the Global Partnership on Children with Disabilities. Between 2013 and 2015, it coordinated with UNICEF on a project on inclusive education for disabled children in Burkina Faso. It also a member of the policy board of United Nations Partnership to Promote the Rights of Persons with Disabilities which is a collaborative effort that brings together entities, disabled people's organizations and civil society to advance disability rights.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

This organization has supported the MDGs by implementing various projects, inter alia, to support 60,000 disabled children to join rehabilitation programs and to assist 50,000 blind patients to regain sight through cataract surgery. In Bangladesh,

it supported 13,000 women with disabilities to access a 5-year food security and income generation programme.

5. Lutheran World Federation

Special, 1952

Introduction

Founded in 1947, the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) is a global communion of Christian churches with a membership of 145 churches in 98 countries representing over 72 million Christians worldwide.

Aims and purposes of the organization

This organization strives for a just, peaceful and reconciled world by: promoting human rights, peace and reconciliation; alleviating human suffering and addressing the root causes of social, economic and gender injustices; caring for God's creation; and living in an environmentally sustainable way.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

LWF has contributed to the United Nations Framework Agreement on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the work of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the Human Rights Council (HRC). Its engagement with the human rights mechanisms of the United Nations includes participation in the Universal Periodic Reviews (UPR) and assisting local civil society organizations to submit concerns of human rights for consideration by member states. In 2013, LWF provided reports reviewing the rights of women in Colombia and in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) to the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

LWF has participated in a wide range of United Nations meetings including the UNHCR-NGO annual consultations, UNHCR Executive Committee and high-level meetings related to HIV/AIDs. It participated in the 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st sessions of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

Jointly with UNHCR, LWF has responded to humanitarian emergencies in Burundi, Central African Republic, Iraq, Nepal and South Sudan.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

LWF has played a significant role in promoting and implementing the MDGs and is currently aligning its programs and projects in view of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). For example, in 2015 it called for its member churches to substitute fossil fuel usage by renewable energy in support of energy efficient practices.

6. Make Mothers Matter

General, 2004

Introduction

Established in 1947, Make Mothers Matter (MMM) is an international, apolitical and non-denominational organization.

Aims and purposes of the organization

MMM aims to raise the awareness of society, policy makers and public opinion about the vital role of mothers for promoting peace, and on their contribution to social and economic progress.

Significant changes in the organization

MMM has gained new members from Belgium, Cameroon, France, Ivory Coast, Madagascar, Spain, Romania, Rwanda, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Zambia.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

MMM contributes to raise awareness about gender equality, women's empowerment and women's rights in the global development agenda while ensuring linkages to grassroots actions. Its focus on women and the economy has enabled mothers to highlight relevant issues in their socio-economic development, including vital issues of maternal and infantile health, nutrition and sanitation. Moreover, MMM has made significant efforts in representing the voices of the grassroots in high-level plenaries including sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women and Expert Group meetings organized by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

With permanent representatives in New York and Geneva, MMM actively engages in the work of ECOSOC and Human Right Councils (HRC) including providing oral and written statements. MMM co-organized a side event during the 24th regular session of the Human Rights Council (HRC) convened from 9 to 27 September 2013 and partook in the 57th, 58th and 59th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

MMM collaborated with United Nations Women (UN Women) in a MenCare Advocacy Publication titled "State of the World's Fathers" published in June 2015. It co-convened an interactive roundtable alongside the NGO Committee on the Status of Women in the framework of the Beijing +20 and the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Regional Review held in Geneva, Switzerland from 3 till 5 November 2014. It also collaborated with UNESCO in the margins of the Forum on Access to Water for All of Africa convened on 30 and 31 July 2014 in Yamoussoukro, Ivory Coast.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

MMM regularly disseminates information and advocates with the European Economic and Social Committee regarding the United Nations development agenda and forges explicit linkages to grassroots activity in Europe and other regions of the world.

7. Manavata

Special, 2012

Introduction

Since 1991, Manavata implements projects in the area of health, education and the environment through over 75 regional chapters.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Manavata's mission is to create a healthy, happy and harmonious world through programs that improve human values and quality of living, eco-friendly lifestyles at a micro level while building a sustainable model at a macro level. In 2015, Manavata established the University for Humanity in India to support value based education and meet the following objectives: provide practical knowledge and tools in natural farming and eco-friendly practices; tap into rural innovation for indigenous solutions for self-sustainability as well as job creation; and promote holistic health, sustainable living, human values and spirit of service.

Significant changes in the organization

Manavata has added new chapters in China, Japan and in the Middle East to extend its global outreach.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Manavata's programs directly support the goals of the United Nations and promote poverty eradication, environment and health. Through its cycling for humanity program, it supported cyclists covering 8, 000 miles spanning across 18 countries. It also facilitated the conversion of 60 acres of arid land into fertile area using natural farming and ecologically sustainable practices. Moreover, over 30,000 patients with no prior access to healthcare were treated in 25 villages. It also

launched widespread campaigns supporting the World Health Organization-led World Antibiotic Awareness week in November 2015.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, this organization actively engaged in meetings of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), including the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. It provided an oral statement to the Annual Ministerial Review of ECOSOC convened from 1 to 4 July 2013 in Geneva, Switzerland and submitted a written statement during the High-level Segment of ECOSOC convened from 6 to 10 July 2015 in New York.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

In 2015, it initiated discussions with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for collaboration on projects to support sustainable development.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Manavata's orphanages support over 150 children, including those differently abled, with full education and complete care. It also initiated programs in rural government schools thus benefitting over 3,000 poor students. Moreover, it conducted workshops and training for farmers on natural farming and environmentally sustainable practices and organizing health workshops.

8. Médecins du monde (international)

Special, 1996

Introduction

Médecins du monde (international) carries out 439 programmes in 80 countries. It consists of 15 associations in as many countries (Argentina, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Greece, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America).

Aims and purposes of the organization

The association aims to: care for the most vulnerable populations affected by crisis and exclusion, inspire doctors, other health care professionals and professionals in other disciplines to work on a voluntary and unpaid basis, and ensure the availability of all the skills required for carrying out its mission.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization has established an office in Luxembourg.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Medecins du monde engages in regular dialogue with United Nations agencies working in its area of activity. Medecins du monde and United Nations agencies have implemented 55 financial and operational partnership agreements in the field for a total amount of over 15 million United States dollars.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Medecins du monde has played an active role in the organization of the World Humanitarian Summit by participating in several regional consultations in 2014 and 2015 and the global consultation held in October 2015 in Geneva, Switzerland.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Medecins du monde participates in the meetings of the health group in all its areas of work. It is in regular bilateral contact with the following agencies: the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the World Health Organization (WHO), the World Food Programme (WFP) and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Medecins du monde has contributed to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in terms of advocacy for access to health care, in Europe and globally, and through its field activities. In this regard, it has financed 73 programmes in Africa, 38 programmes in Latin America, 20 programmes in Asia and 28 programmes in the Middle East.

9. Mediators beyond Borders

Special, 2012

Introduction

Mediators Beyond Borders (MBB) is a non-governmental organization with a mission to build local skills for peace and promote mediation in economic, environmental, health, cultural and educational contexts.

Aims and purposes of the organization

MBB designs and implements multi-year programs in three key areas: Building capacity: it works in communities traumatized by war, civil conflict or natural disasters to support reconciliation. Advocacy: it advocates for the use of mediation to advance peacebuilding and conciliatory processes; and Consulting: it advances mediation practices and provides dispute resolution services internationally.

Significant changes in the organization

This organization is active in over 22 countries including Colombia, Ecuador, Ghana, Greece, Israel, Kenya, Liberia, Nepal, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Uganda, United States of America and Zimbabwe.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

MBB advocates and supports the United Nations General Assembly (GA) resolution on strengthening the role of mediation in the peaceful settlements of disputes, conflict prevention and resolution (A/68/303) dated 13 August 2014.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

It participated in the 16th to 21st sessions of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) as well as the 58th and 59th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women. Additionally, it attended the following meetings:

2012 Resumed Session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, New York, 21 to 30 May 2012;

Fourth session of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, New York, 17 to 19 June 2013; and

53rd Session of the Commission for Social Development, New York, 4 to 13 February 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

This organization provided technical assistance to the Department of Political Affairs' Mediation Support Unit in the review of a draft mediation law for Kyrgyzstan in 2012. It participated in discussions on the GA resolution on strengthening the role of mediation in the peaceful settlement of disputes, conflict prevention and resolution. In 2012, it also collaborated with United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in a series of informal discussions convened in New York.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

MBB is supportive of the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). In support of these agendas, it launched the International Training Institute which educates and empowers women to engage in peacebuilding and conflict resolution and encourages women as mediators in the field by providing culturally sensitive training.

10. Minority Rights Group

Special. 2004

Introduction

Minority Rights Group (MRG) is an NGO working to secure the rights of ethnic, religious, linguistic minorities and indigenous peoples and promotes cooperation and understanding between communities.

Aims and purposes of the organization

MRG campaigns for the disadvantaged minorities and indigenous populations through activities in international advocacy, training and outreach through media.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

MRG has contributed to a range of human rights mechanisms including the United Nations Forum on Minority Issues in which MRG facilitated the participation of 67 minority rights defenders. It has actively collaborated with Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) to maximize the Forum's effectiveness. MRG also contributed to special procedures including Universal Periodic Reviews (UPR), submission of stakeholder reports to the OHCHR and engagement with member states.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

MRG has participated in all sessions of the Human Rights Council since its 25th session and delivered 26 oral statements, organized 3 parallel events and co-sponsored and participated in 10 events. In 2014 and 2015, it delivered high-level addresses during the General Assembly sessions and the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals Interactive multi-stakeholder dialogues representing the civil society.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

MRG worked closely with the OHCHR in their efforts to implement the Guidance Note of the Secretary-General on Racial Discrimination and Protection of Minorities in March 2013. In this connection, it conducted workshops in Geneva, Switzerland and Nouakchott, Mauritania.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

MRG advocated for greater inclusion of minorities and indigenous peoples in decision-making processes at the domestic and international levels, and for a better understanding of challenges related to poverty, access to primary education, health and housing. MRG undertook activities pursuing these aims in Botswana, the

Dominican Republic, Egypt, India, Iraq, Kenya, Mauritania, Nepal, Pakistan, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Thailand and Uganda.

11. Mother Care Foundation

Special, 2012

Introduction

Mother Care Foundation (MOCAF) is a non-governmental organization based in Cameroon working towards the good of humanity.

Aims and purposes of the organization

It operates a professional centre for technology application in agriculture, catering, hospitality and social welfare as well as a health centre for HIV/AIDS and family counselling. It further aims to set up a rehabilitation and vocational centre for children with physical disabilities, including orphans, and combating malaria through hygiene and sanitation workshops.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

MOCAF contributes to the work of the United Nations by providing data and information to bodies of the United Nations including the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

MOCAF provides data and statistics to public health authorities in the region which is then forwarded to WHO. It is also collaborating with the FAO to improve methods of food crop cultivation and enhancing the quality of living standards in communities.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

MOCAF has established a functional Rehabilitation and Vocational Centre aimed at providing physical therapy to children with physical disabilities. It has also set up HIV/AIDS counselling units in 8 rural communities and carries out cultivation of food crops and animal husbandry. Furthermore, it has supported over 100 physically disabled youths who have transformed into active contributors in their communities.

12. Mother's Union

Special, 2000

Introduction

Mother's Union (MU) is a worldwide Christian membership organisation with over 4 million members in 83 countries across six continents.

Aims and purposes of the organization

MU aims to demonstrate the Christian faith in action by transforming communities worldwide through the nurture of family, Christian fellowship, practical programmes and advocacy.

Significant changes in the organization

MU amended its bylaws in 2012 relating to the nomination process for the election of its central board of trustees.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Literacy and Financial Education Programme in Burundi, Malawi, South Sudan and Sudan has enabled communities to acquire basic literacy and numeracy skills. The Family Life Programme in Uganda has brought together community groups to address food security and nutrition, poverty, health and sanitation, environmental protection, agricultural skills and living with HIV/AIDS. In 2014, MU carried out relief work in South Sudan by providing immediate food and medical aid for displaced families and supported community reconciliation.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

It attended and submitted written statements to the 56th, 57th and 58th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) convened between 2012 and 2014. It also attended the NGO Committee on the Status of Women to review the progress of the Beijing + 20 and the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Regional Review held in Geneva, Switzerland from 3 to 5 November 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

In 2013 and 2014, MU in South Sudan worked with UN Women and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to carry out awareness-raising of educating the girl-child and HIV/AIDS. MU also collaborated with United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and UNDP to raise awareness of gender equality, poverty to communities in Guyana.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization contributed to the following goals:

MDG 1: through income generating initiatives, vocational training and feeding programmes;

MDG 3: through workshops to create advocacy toolkits on gender for local communities in Burundi and South Sudan;

MDG 4: by administering health clinics in Melanesia and Nigeria;

MDGs 5 and 6: by providing training to birth attendants in Zambia; coordinating family planning projects in Kenya, Nigeria and Papua New Guinea; and training home-based carers in Uganda;

MDG 7: by conducting permaculture projects in Malawi, Melanesia and South Africa and tree planting in Burundi, South Africa and Tanzania.

13. Mountain Institute

Special, 2000

Introduction

The Mountain Institute (MI) is an international NGO dedicated to the development of mountainous regions including the Appalachia, Andes and Hindu Kush Himalayan regions. It has offices in Nepal, Peru and in the United States of America.

Aims and purposes of the organization

MI collaborates with local communities, civil society organizations and governments to conserve the environment, sustain ecological services, protect cultures, and improve the livelihoods of communities with attention to gender, indigenous peoples, and disadvantaged groups.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

MI contributed to the work of the United Nations by actively attending conferences and presenting on diversified livelihoods of mountainous people, management of natural resources and ecosystems for climate resilience. It seeks to reduce risks from natural hazards through community consultation and mitigation measures as well as encourage climate change adaptation and resilience through capacity building, improved governance and planning. Furthermore, it advocates for the importance of mountains for global sustainability as well as their contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals, the Bonn Challenge, Aichi Biodiversity Targets and other global objectives.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

It participated in the 20th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) and the 10th session of the COP serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol which took place in Lima, Peru from 1 to 14 December 2014. It also attended the 21st COP to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) held in Paris, France from 30 November till 12 December 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

Since 2015, MI has served as the chair of the Mountain Partnership Steering Committee led by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). It cooperated primarily by contributing to reports and orienting international focus and policy towards mountain development and environment goals. It also commemorates the International Mountain Day on December 11 of each year.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

MI launched various programs that contribute to the MDGs as listed below:

MDG 1: A program engaging 10,000 farmers in Nepal to diversify livelihoods and improve household income through cultivation of medicinal and aromatic plants;

MDG 3: Initiatives to secure water and livelihoods in Peru and support gender-sensitive approaches to the implementation of water-related programs;

MDG 7: Activities to strengthen national protected area management and the restoration of alpine wetland ecosystems.

14. Movimiento Cubano por la Paz y la Soberania de los Pueblos

Special, 1996

Introduction

Based in Cuba, this organization collaborates with representatives of the academia, non-governmental organizations and students to carry forward the agenda of peace.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization, inter alia, aims to: organize workshops to support the global nuclear disarmament; campaign for the elimination of military bases, wars, inequality, and all forms of violence; promote a culture of peace; and defend gender equality, protection of children, women and indigenous people. Furthermore, it promotes the "Proclamation of Latin America and the Caribbean as a zone of peace," adopted during the second summit of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) in January 2014 in the Republic of Cuba.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The NGO participated in compiling contributions to the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of the Human Rights Council (HRC) as well as the national consultation on the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals. It also

participated in national forums on integrating monitoring mechanisms for civil society as part of the 2030 Agenda for Development.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the Informal Civil Society Forum on the Conference on Disarmament held on 19 March 2015 in Geneva, Switzerland and presented a paper addressing nuclear disarmament and the state of the civil society in the Republic of Cuba.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

As an organization affiliated with the Cuban United Nations Association, it has contributed to activities in collaboration with in-country representatives of the United Nations.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has primarily focused its activities towards promoting a culture of peace in the Republic of Cuba, in Latin America and the Caribbean region. It also organized national level contests in painting, literature, songs and exhibition of posters for peace to cultivate the artistic skills of children.

15. Mundo sin Guerras

Special, 2012

Introduction

Mundo sin Guerras, which is based in Spain, aims to eliminate wars by promoting ideas and actions employing the methodology of non-violence.

Aims of the organization

The organization focuses on universal equality, the elimination of all forms of violence, cultural diversity and the freedom of expression.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Mundo sin Guerras continues to advocate the elimination of nuclear weapons by participating in international conferences. It seeks to achieve these goals through education, intercultural dialogue, capacity-building and art. Moreover it observes, promotes and celebrates the International Day of Non-Violence.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Mundo sin Guerras submitted a written statement to the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council held in July 2013 in Geneva, Switzerland. The

organization is currently exploring the possibility of having permanent representatives in New York and Geneva, in order to expand its participation in meetings of the United Nations.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No initiatives were specified.